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PRICE ONE CENT.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Members of United States Ambulance Corps From Allentown, Pa., Entertained Here This Afternoon.

Members of Section 584 of the United States Ambulance Corps, in training at Allentown, Pa., numbering between fifty and sixty men, including C. M. Schofield, Wm. Brooks and Windsor Snowden of Alexandria, were entertained at a complimentary dinner at the Westminster Building this afternoon at one o'clock. Major Llewellyn Powell, of this city, now in the hospital service and stationed at Camp Meade, was also an honored guest, as were the graduates from this city who finished their course in the Officers' Reserve training camp at Fort Myer a few days ago. Messrs. Oscar J. Myers, Henry C. Nolley, Cecil K. Sherman, J. Randall Caton, Daniel B. Miller, Jr., Douglas Neff, Hunt Russell, A. Harmon Roberts, Philip Dawson and Alvin B. Prosies.

The dinner was tendered by several gentlemen, friends of the men in the city, and most creditably served by a committee of ladies from the Red Cross Refreshment Corps. Innumerable speeches were made by several and following the dinner the guests were taken on a tour of sight-seeing about the city, which included the lodge rooms in the Masonic Temple and other points of interest.

TO RECEIVE ANNUITY

Wives of Presidents Benefit by Will of Philadelphia Lawyer.

Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—Wives of Presidents will get \$13,000 "pin money," annually as the result of a clause in the will of the late Henry G. Freeman, Jr., a well-known lawyer of this city. But the "first lady of the land" will have to wait until the death of the two children named in the will as beneficiaries. "The reason I make this fund," the will explains, "is because I feel the President of the United States deserves such a miserable pittance for a man holding the greatest position on earth."

Freeman left an estate valued at \$2,000,000 and upward. When all the beneficiaries are dead the trustees are directed to place a sufficient sum aside to yield \$12,350 a year. The \$250 shall be their commission and the \$12,000 shall be paid in monthly checks in her name alone to the wife of the President of the United States. The fund is to be called "The Henry G. Freeman, Jr., pin money fund."

PAY POLL TAXES TODAY.

Five per cent to be Added to All Unpaid Bills Tomorrow Morning.

Alexandrians must pay their poll taxes today or tonight to escape the 5 per cent penalty which is added December 1, and City Treasurer Thomas W. Robinson will be in his office in the City Hall until 5 o'clock tonight in order to accommodate late taxpayers who will be unable to call upon him during the day.

After today an additional 5 per cent will be added to the poll tax account of all citizens, and they must be paid by Dec. 4th to participate in the June election. All 1917 State taxes are also due, and must be paid today to escape the prescribed penalty.

The Gazette has directed attention to this important matter several times recently. This is the last call, and those interested should take due notice and act accordingly.

in Memoriam.

In sad but loving remembrance of our little son, Melvin Humphries, who suddenly departed this life three years ago yesterday, Nov. 29, 1914. Once more the saddest day is here. When God called home our dear son, some may think the wound is healed but little they know the sorrow we feel. Our hearts are heavy, our thoughts all of him. How we loved him and miss him none but God can know. 286-11.

A Correction.

In the will of the late Mrs. Otella Cline which was published in the Gazette of Wednesday evening, Nov. 28th, it was stated that the residue of her estate was to be equally divided among her children. There was no provision made for her three children, Robert W. and Walter T. Cline and Mrs. J. R. Eddington in any way, shape or form whatever. Robert W. Cline.

Annual Lodge Ceremony for Deceased Brothers to be Held in the Home Next Sunday Evening.

The annual memorial services for deceased brothers of Alexandria Lodge of Elks, No. 758, will be held on Sunday evening next, Dec. 2d, at the home on Prince street at 8 o'clock.

Included in the program of exercises will be an address by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, pastor of Grace Episcopal church of this city, who will speak on "Our Order," and also another by Mr. Edgar C. Snyder, of



Edgar C. Snyder.

Washington, whose subject will be "Patriotism." Mr. Snyder is a former president of the famous Gridiron Club of Washington, correspondent of the Omaha Bee and is said to be a most entertaining speaker.

The order of exercises in full is given herewith:

March, selected, orchestra—Miss Virginia Schwab, Frederick Schwab, Alvin Friedlander.

Opening ceremonies, Ervin Geo. Schwarzmann, Exalted Ruler, and officers.

Violin solo, selected, Alvin Friedlander.

Recitation, The Little Lion Chant, Miss Mary Lennon.

Vocal solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," Mrs. Herman Friedlander.

Address, "Our Order," Bro. Rev. Edgar Carpenter.

Quartette, selected, Mrs. Harrie Waite, Mrs. Sherman B. Fowler, Mr. Kenneth W. Ogden, Mr. J. Wilmer Waler, Mr. Sherman B. Fowler accompanied.

Address, "Patriotism," Edgar C. Snyder.

Vocal solo, selected, J. Wilmer Waler.

"Nearer My God to Thee." Benediction by the Chaplain.

AUSTRIA MAY DROP WAR.

Belief in Congress that the President, Knowing This, Withholds Declaration.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Modification of Italy's demands upon Austria might pave the way for a withdrawal of the latter country from the mammoth conflict abroad, and would thus hasten peace as it could not be hastened if Italy persists in maintaining demands which cannot but keep Austria in the fight until the bitter end.

That is the belief of the majority of the members of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, so it is said on good authority. And it is the belief of the administration as well as it is also said.

These facts mean, so it is insisted, that President Wilson's forthcoming message to Congress will not urge a war declaration upon Austria. The situation will be left open, it is pointed out, so that if Austrian sympathy for the central powers cause, already at a low ebb, gives further signs of breaking the proponents of a break with Germany will have conclusive talking points upon which to continue their work.

Suffering with a bullet wound in his abdomen, thirteen-year-old Howard Brooks lies seriously injured at Virginia hospital, in Richmond. The wound was accidentally inflicted by the boy's chum, Kenneth Miller, aged fourteen years. The boys were playing with the pistol at the home of young Brooks. They did not know the weapon was loaded.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

A copy of the Gazette of Saturday, July 14, 1917, and also one of Wednesday, October 3, 1917, is wanted. Twenty cents will be paid for the two copies delivered to the Gazette office.

Miss Beatrice Crockett, entertained Mr. Walter Delaney from the St. Asaph military camp, Mr. Leon Warren from Fort Hunt and Mr. Frank Crum from Camp Meade at Thanksgiving dinner yesterday.

Subscriptions received within the past day or so by Judge Norton for the Young Men's Christian Association war work fund are hereby acknowledged as follows: Cash \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wood \$3.00; R. S. Goods 50 cents.

The State Corporation Commission has granted a charter to Higsbie and Richardson, Inc., Alexandria, Va., Capital stock, \$5,000. Purpose: real estate. Alfred Higsbie, president; L. W. Richardson, secretary—both of Washington, D. C.

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock a special service of prayer and intercession will be held in Christ Church. Friday is St. Andrew's day, and the Synod of the Province of Washington has urged that the day be observed as a day of fasting on which the extraordinary acts and exercises of devotion may find public expression to the end that all our people may realize and confess that sin is a national weakness and sanctity is strength. It is hoped that there may be a large attendance at this service. No offering will be taken.

The repairs and improvements to the old Alexandria hospital building at 420 Wolfe street are now completed and the building, which has been remodeled into a boarding house and placed under the management of S. G. Leffler, of Washington, is now ready for guests. It has been thoroughly renovated, newly painted and papered, is steam-heated and in a first class sanitary condition throughout. There are 31 furnished bedrooms, handsome dining parlor and reading rooms, all of which look most inviting.

THANKSGIVING DINNER.

Inmates of Ann Lee Home for the Aged Ample Provided For.

The inmates of the Ann Lee Memorial Home for the Aged were made very happy on Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. H. B. Wilson, third vice president of the Board of Governors, gave them a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner. The menu was elaborate, nothing being omitted, and many things thought of which only generosity and a tender love of the aged could have prompted. After the dinner the old ladies were most delightfully entertained by Mrs. Wilson's house guest, Mrs. Kathrin Murphy, of San Francisco, with music and stories of her trips around the world.

The board wishes to thank the many friends who have contributed to the home, but they feel that the general public does not realize the work which is being done and earnestly hope that all who are interested in charity will visit the home, which is open to visitors every day from 10:30 to 5. It is desired that every one see these dear old people who are so happy and contented, although one will spend the remaining years of her life in bed, unable to move without help, and yet like "Pollyanna" so glad to have a home and loving care. Another who is lame for life with a broken hip, so cheerful and bright, wanting always to help others. Still another removed from an Alms House, and who is the widow of a Confederate officer, and so one might go on through the entire list. Members of the board have been sorry to hear that the remark has been made, usually by people who never contribute to any good work, "Oh, but there is a fee for admission to the home." If these good people will only tell of a home without an admission fee other than an Alms House or an endowed home, the board would make every effort to find out how it is supported and how fuel, clothing, food and running expense are met.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bars and Potomac River oysters, J. Brill No. 2 King street.

Charles R. Blewett, and son William, left yesterday for New York, where they will spend the week end.

Mr. A. G. Uhler is in receipt of a telegram today from his son, Captain A. Lenox Uhler, stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., announcing his marriage to Miss Rebecca Carlton Brown, of Griffin, Ga. The ceremony occurred in Atlanta on the 27th of November. Rev. Harry C. Howard, of Emory College being the officiating clergyman.

A preaching mission will open in St. Paul's Episcopal church on Sunday evening next under the auspices of the Laymen's League and Bible Class of that church. It will continue for ten days or more, services being held each evening except Saturday. The Rev. Thomas Semmes of Richmond, formerly of Alexandria, will preach the sermons. The public is invited to attend. On Sunday, Dec. 9th, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a. m., a morning service will be held at 11 o'clock, children's service at half-past 3 in the afternoon and evening meeting at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Mary Ida Creagan announces the marriage of her daughter, Rose, to Captain Wm. B. Champion, U. S. A. The ceremony took place at six o'clock Thursday evening, November 29th, at the parsonage of St. Mary's Catholic church. Rev. Father L. F. Kelly officiating. Immediately after the ceremony, Captain and Mrs. Champion left for a short wedding trip to Norfolk. The bride was attended by Miss Mary Eleanor Burgess, of Washington, and the groom by Mr. George V. Rector, of Washington. The bride was becomingly gowned in a suit of burgundy chiffon broadcloth, trimmed in taupe fox fur, with hat and shoes to match, and wore a corsage bouquet of white gardenias. The maid of honor wore a suit of gray velvet with hat and shoes to match, a set of seal furs and a corsage bouquet of pink chrysanthemums completing her costume. The ceremony was witnessed only by the immediate members of both families.

U. S. TO USE POLICE FORCE

Every Member Will be Instructed To Look Out for Slackers.

Every police official in the country will become a part of the great machine organized for building the National Army, under War Department plans announced today by Provost Marshal-General Crowder. Postal authorities also will play an active part in helping to carry out the new regulations and the department believes that with the aid of these two agencies local exemption boards will be greatly assisted in registering the men and getting them to the training camps as they are called.

Police throughout the nation will be instructed to take into custody men who fail to report for physical examination or who violate any of the new rules and regulations. They also will be charged to arrest and deliver to camps men who have been inducted into the military service by the local boards and who fail to train for mobilization. Such men are classed under military law as deserters and rewards of \$50 will be paid for their arrest and delivery at the camps.

All the elaborate machinery of the Postoffice Department will be used to see that questionnaires are delivered to the men and are returned by them within the seven-day time limit allowed for filling them out. Postal officials also have been instructed by President Wilson and Postmaster-General Burleson to cooperate to the fullest extent with the local boards in delivering and forwarding notices to registrants, particularly notices of entrapment, as failure to respond to this notice classifies the registrant as a deserter.

Death Notice.
DIED, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. B. Brown, 109 South Alfred street, at 4:30 a. m., Nov. 30, Mrs. Lucy Driscoll Boyer, in the 78th year of her age. (Washington papers please copy.)

Card of Thanks.
We wish to thank our friends and acquaintances for their sympathy shown us in our late bereavement. Mrs. L. T. Carrico and Family.

Mrs. R. B. Hacker, of Hoboken, N. J., is spending Thanksgiving week with her mother, Mrs. H. W. Hall, of North Payne street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Purvis had as their guests the past week their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Carroll of Blue Plains, D. C. Mr. Carroll is a son of the late Colonel S. S. Carroll, of Washington.

A Thanksgiving party will be given this evening at the Westminster building for the soldiers encamped in this vicinity and their friends. An interesting program will be given, and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. Malcolm A. Brenner will be glad to know that he is satisfactorily recuperating from the operation he underwent at the Emergency Hospital in Washington a few days ago.

Alexandria Washington Lodge yesterday carried the body of the late Dr. Jacquelin Ambler Marshall to Markham station, Fauquier county, and buried it with Masonic honors. Senior Warden C. W. Fletcher was in charge.

Mrs. Lucy Driscoll Boyer died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. B. B. Brown, 109 South Alfred street, at an early hour this morning. The deceased was in the 78th year of her age. She was the widow of John L. Boyer. Mrs. Boyer was born in New Baltimore, Fauquier county, in 1839, and moved to Alexandria when she was four years old.

Over 125 children enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner provided by the Salvation Army at its rooms on King street yesterday at 12 o'clock. Included in the menu was chicken, roast pork, roast beef, peas, tomatoes, pumpkin and custard pie, fruit cake and nuts. The tables were adorned with potted plants in bloom and the little people were served by a committee in charge of Captain and Mrs. Hellwege. Nothing was left undone to make the guests comfortable and happy.

SHOOT ANOTHER'S WIFE.

Widower Opens Fire When Woman Spurns Him.

Angered when she spurned his attention, Frederick Packham, 46 years old, of Highlandtown, near Baltimore, attempted to kill Mrs. Cora Herick, 36 years old, in her home Wednesday afternoon by firing two bullets into her body.

George Herick, her husband, who had been asleep in the house attached to Packham's in the yard, Packham pointed the pistol at Herick, but it failed to explode. Packham fled, but was caught by policeman.

Packham is a former wrestler. Mrs. Herick was taken to the hospital. Surgeons found that the bullets penetrated her abdomen. She is unconscious and her condition is critical.

Packham is a widower. Mrs. Herick told her husband that Packham attempted to engage her in conversation several times. She was in a basement kitchen preparing her husband's supper when Packham entered the house by a rear door.

QUEST 2000 ENEMY ALIENS.

Works Inside Baltimore Water-Front Dead Line Dismiss Many.

Baltimore, Nov. 30.—Federal Marshal Stockham and a force of deputies started out Wednesday to draw the dead line along the water front. Factories and other places of business within the "visible" line promptly began discharging enemy aliens in their employ, probably 1000 losing their places. Many of these came from the Bethlehem Steel plant at Sparrows Point and big concerns at Curtis Bay.

The Marshal was notified by the Baltimore Dry Docks and Shipbuilding Company that 50 aliens had been driven from the shops of the company. Other concerns sent similar advices.

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DISTRIBUTED WHISKY NO BEER TO BE ALLOWED

Special Officer at Potomac Railroad Yards Held for the Action of the Grand Jury.

There was but one case on the docket of the Police Court this morning. K. W. Dudley, a special officer at the Potomac railroad yards, was charged with distributing whisky in this city.

The case was the aftermath of the capsizing of an automobile, containing a large supply of whisky on Mount Vernon Avenue, a short distance west of the alms house last Friday night. Those having the automobile in charge left the scene and the car was brought to the Central Garage on north Washington street in this city. Early Saturday morning while the employees at the garage were making inspection of the abandoned car, they discovered a secret depositary under the auxiliary seats. It is said that twenty-eight pint bottles of whisky were taken out.

According to the evidence, Dudley, who had followed the auto here, took charge of the liquor, and in doing so drew a pistol on one of the employees at the garage. He, it was alleged, carried the liquor to his house nearby, and subsequently distributed several bottles to the employees. He then notified Sheriff Field, of Alexandria county that he had the liquor in his possession.

Two white and two colored men were the witnesses, and their evidence agreed. When Dudley took the stand he denied the allegation, and impeached the testimony of each man who had testified against him.

When asked what authority he possessed to follow the automobile to this city and take charge of the liquor, he replied that he was a special officer of Alexandria county. The court saw no reason why he should come into the city, armed with a pistol, and attempt to exercise authority here, and held him for the action of the grand jury for violating the Mapp law. The accused announced that he took an appeal from the judgment of the court. He was told that he was a little premature, as he must wait until the Corporation Court acted, after which he could note an appeal. Dudley then asked to be allowed to prefer charges against the men who took the liquor from him and drank it, which acts, he supposed, violated the prohibition law. This was, of course, overruled, and he was ordered to be locked up until he furnished a bond of \$500 for his appearance before the grand jury.

NO WAR TIME ALIMONY.

Failure to Pay Does Not Warrant Imprisonment of Officer.

White Plains, N. Y., Nov. 30.—Failure to pay alimony in time of war does not warrant imprisonment of an officer of the United States army, in the opinion of Supreme Court Justice Morschauer, who refused to issue an order to show cause, why Major Orson Kilbourne, U. S. A., should not be compelled to pay his wife, Eloise, \$35 a week.

"I believe that officers in the United States army should have some rights," the Justice said. "You now have a new condition which faces all the men in the army fighting for their country, and I believe they should be given every consideration. I don't intend to have this officer locked up for failing to pay alimony."

Mrs. Kilbourne had asked the Court to issue the order immediately, which Justice Morschauer declined to do. He postponed the hearing until Monday.

AUTOMOBILE SKIDDED.

Arthur J. Butcher Has Narrow Escape From Serious Injury Early This Morning.

While Arthur J. Butcher, a huckster in the city market, was on his way from Washington to this city in his automobile at an early hour this morning the car skidded when opposite the government experimental farm, and turned over. The hood, fender and most of the upper works of the machine were considerably damaged and spattered with mud, but Mr. Butcher fortunately escaped serious injury, although he was cut and bruised somewhat. The accident was caused by the slippery condition of the road.

New House of Delegates is to be Decried by More Than Two to One, According to Report.

Richmond, Nov. 30.—For several days the report has been that an effort would be made at the approaching session of the general assembly to amend the laws so as to permit the making of light beers in this state, containing possibly as much as three per cent of alcohol.

It is authoritatively declared that there is no prospect of its becoming a law if introduced. Canvass has been made of the complexion of the next house of delegates, and that body has not less than seventy dry men, according to the figures of those who are supposed to know about such things. The same senate that enacted the prohibition law would have to pass on the new measure, and as there are thirty-three dry senators out of the forty members of that body the chances for such a proposition would be slim.

In the city of Richmond there is a decrease of not less than 2,000 by reason of the failure of the former supporters of liquor to pay their taxes, it is said. And at this time, in order to get back on the books, these men would have to pay for three years, having failed to pay for that length of time. It is not likely that they will undertake to do this, in view of the overwhelming sentiment against liquor in the state. At this point it is but fair to call attention to the fact that the time for the payment of poll taxes will expire with this week. Those who fail to pay by Saturday closing time will have to pay five per cent penalty and the officers will be empowered to force payment shortly thereafter and to make the costs for the same an item.

MARY HAD TURKEY.

Father Finds the Money When "Little Mother" Tries Suicide.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Mary Rosen was at home yesterday and the turkey she was not able to buy graced the table in her cottage when she, her father and the younger brother and sisters to whom she has been a "little mother," sat down to Thanksgiving dinner. Mary, who is 15 years old, had not been able to save any money this year, and the thought of empty holidays for the "kiddies" drove her to try to end her life Tuesday night, she explained Wednesday.

When her father, Martin Rosen, whose wife died two years ago, returned from work at the Interstate Steel and Wire Company's Works, he found Mary unconscious from gas in her bedroom. He visited the county hospital Wednesday morning and was overjoyed to learn from physicians that she had recovered sufficiently to leave the institution. "You needn't worry, Mary. I got enough money together to buy a turkey, and I hope you'll be able to help me cook it," assured the father.

Alexandrian Supposed to Have Been in Trenches in France.

Mr. James B. Martin has received a letter concerning his son Samuel M. Martin, who was wounded in the right leg by a gunshot wound while he is supposed to have been in the trenches in France with the Canadian troops. The letter does not give any further particulars other than those first received by Mr. Martin but states that a cable has been sent to the officer in charge of records at London, England, for the purpose of ascertaining full particulars regarding his son and as to just where he is now located. Upon receipt of said report the Canadian officer informs Mr. Martin that he will be advised immediately.

FIRE IN GREENVILLE.

Indications Are That Office Building of Southeastern Life Insurance Company Will Be Total Loss.

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 30.—At 2:30 this morning fire was pouring out of every window of the office building of the Southeastern Life Insurance Company, situated in the heart of the business district of the city, and indications are that the building will be a total loss. The origin of the fire is not known. The building cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000, it is understood.